

THE PORTO RICAN BILL

A Proposition to Strike Out Civil Government Provisions.

Republican Senators Considering a Plan to Hasten Action—Suggestion of a Reduction of Tariff Rates Discussed—Platt, Hanna, Spooner, Payne, and Russell in Conference.

A proposition has been made by some of the leading Republican members of the Senate that the Foraker bill for Porto Rico be amended by striking out the provisions for a civil government.

Senator Platt of Connecticut is one of those who believe that it is too early to attempt any elaborate scheme of government for this island.

Senator Platt proposed some time ago, informally, that the Foraker bill should be amended for the present under a resolution similar to that which was applied in Louisiana early in this century.

The discussion among Senators, who met in committee rooms yesterday, and discussed the party program in the Senate, was occupied chiefly with these two considerations in favor of securing a very early passage of the Porto Rico bill by striking the part providing for a civil government.

There was also a good deal of discussion about the proposition, as published in The Times yesterday morning, to amend the House bill by providing for the free admission of goods from the United States into Cuba and for the reduction of the 15 per cent provision on the Porto Rico imports from Porto Rico into the United States.

It is being urged in some quarters against this proposition that should those members of the House who opposed free trade most strenuously will be obliged to reverse their position practically when the bill reaches the Senate.

Senator Foraker, Chairman of the Senate Porto Rico Committee, is strongly opposed to the amendment of the measure as proposed yesterday.

Late yesterday afternoon a conference was held in the committee room of Senator Platt of Connecticut, in which the Porto Rico question was discussed.

The conference did not result in a decision upon any particular line of procedure, but there were expressions of opinion and consent regarding the proposition to abolish the tariff on United States products going into Porto Rico and reducing the 15 per cent provision on Porto Rican goods coming into the United States.

THE SENATE EMPLOYEES.

Mr. Allen Desires Information Concerning Their Number and Salaries.

Mr. Allen yesterday submitted to the Senate a resolution directing the Committee on Rules to inform that body why the Secretary of the Senate has for several years not reported at the beginning of each session the number of clerks, messengers, and other employees, together with their salaries.

Mr. Allen said that the Senate several years ago agreed that this should be done, and that in neglecting to do it the Senate rules had been violated.

Mr. Allen said that the number of Senate employees has been gradually increased until there are now more than 200 drawing aggregate salaries of \$150,000. The resolution was passed without discussion.

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AN INDIAN'S DILEMMA.

Standing Wolf Complains of Bad Treatment by the Government.

Standing Wolf, a Sioux, who has been in this city since January 20 on a mission from the Indians on the Ignacio Reservation, near Durango, Col., has been for several days endeavoring to see the President, and interest him in the cause of his people.

According to his own story this Indian has a claim in Oklahoma which is owned, and he prefers to live among the Utes and others on the Colorado reservation.

"I came here," he said, "to find out why the Government did not keep its word with the Indians. I cannot see anything but a bad deal of the Government, and that he will not work. Why don't they give us a chance, show us how, and give us tools to work with?"

Standing Wolf speaks English fluently, and indulges in a good deal of staid philosophy.

"I don't see why he will not see me and tell me about it. I don't want to kill him. I only want to ask him what the Government is going to do for us. And I want him to see that I get transportation back home. I have contracted a two months' fever while waiting to see the President, and I can't pay for it. I used my own money to come here and help my friends, and if the Government will not keep its promise and if I cannot see anyone, I think the President ought to give me transportation to my home."

A BOSTON BANK LIQUIDATES.

The Blackstone Absorbed by the Shoe and Leather Institution.

BOSTON, March 10.—The Blackstone National Bank, one of the old banking institutions in this city, will be absorbed by the Shoe and Leather National Bank.

The liquidation has been contemplated for some time by the Blackstone people. For some time there has been opposition between the directors and stockholders, the latter demanding the overturn of the board.

NEWS FROM ALEXANDRIA.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 10.—The promoters of the George Washington Memorial Association are sanguine in their expectations of the benefit that will be derived from the bill which was introduced by Representative Kiser.

In the circuit court for Alexandria yesterday, Judge A. E. Neal presiding, the following case was on the docket: The estate of the late Eliza B. Hood was committed to the sheriff for administration.

The remains of Mr. Lester M. Green, of Washington, who died in this city on the 5th inst., were brought here this afternoon and placed in the grave with his widow in St. Paul's cemetery, who died thirty years ago.

In the corporation court today a decree was entered in the case of E. Ryan vs. J. T. Ryan, allowing the latter to take possession of the office of J. T. Ryan, a lot on Payne street, between Cameron and Queen streets.

The Knights of Malta will tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock hold a meeting at Old Fellows Hall, in North Columbus street.

Miss Schuler, who resides at 201 South Washington street, is visiting at the residence of her father, Mr. J. T. Ryan, at 1010 Pennsylvania street.

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A PARTY WITHOUT HONOR

Views of John J. Lantz on the McKinley Administration.

The Virginia Democratic Association, Addressed by the Representative from Ohio and Mr. Rhea, of Kentucky—Republicanism, the Mother of Treachery, Bitterly Assailed.

The Virginia Democratic Association of Washington held its monthly meeting last night at Harper's Hall, Robert N. Harper is President of the association, and presided, with R. E. L. Yellott as secretary.

Mr. Harper stated that the Virginia Democratic Association had fairly opened the campaign of 1900, in that it would hold monthly meetings from now until November, or as he put it, until W. J. Bryan should be elected President of the United States.

Representative John S. Rhea, of Kentucky, was then introduced and addressed the meeting briefly. Mr. Rhea explained that he had been ill, and had come to the hall only because he felt that a duty was to be done, and that he must be there to do it.

Mr. Rhea's speech was a scathing denunciation of Republican rule under the McKinley Administration. He criticized its financial policy, its treatment of the interests of the banking and money class, the foreign policy of the Administration, and its treatment of the colored people.

Representative Lantz of Ohio was then introduced and spoke for over an hour, discussing the McKinley Administration, the Democratic party and the issues of the hour.

Mr. Lantz stated at the outset that he felt impelled to lecture the Virginia Democratic Association, Virginia Democrats, he said, inherited the greatest legacy of any men on the face of the earth.

Mr. Lantz spoke of three great teachers who had lived after them and had worked into the wool of human liberty. The first of these was Jesus, whose teachings culminated in the one proposition, "Do unto the other as you would have him do to you."

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KING'S PALACE DEPARTMENT STORES, 812-814 Seventh, 715 Market Space.

250 Ladies' Suits, Samples of 3 Makers, \$8.50, INSTEAD OF \$12, \$14, AND \$16.

Of all the offerings ever made this stands out as pre-eminently the greatest. No makers in America turn out better suits than these three concerns who willingly turned their samples over to us, now that they have finished their spring selling, and at a price which enables us to offer them at nearly half price.

There are suits of a dependable quality of cheviot serge, suits of Venetians, suits of homespuns; plain and appliqued, with braid and taffeta silk; in all colors, and especially in those colors which are to be stylish this Spring; there are tight-fitting suits, single and double-breasted "Eton" suits, reofer suits, and fly front effects. The jackets of all of them are lined with taffeta silk of a fine quality, and you have never in your life seen better and better finished suits than these—in every detail. The skirts all fall in width and have the very stylish box-pleated backs. Every skirt is lined with a superior quality of lining and bound with velvet. Being samples, garments which these three makers showed buyers, they are naturally perfect in workmanship. Later on in the season the offering would be of no extraordinary consequence, but coming now, right at the beginning of wearing time—before Easter, even—it is really unparalleled. Every size is in the lot now, but the tide of buying which will set in Monday morning, will, no doubt, soon deplete them, which is a warning to you to respond early. It is not often that

\$12, \$14, and \$16 Suits are sold for - - - \$8.50 Above Suits and Following Silk Waists on Sale at Both Stores.

\$4.98 for \$8 to \$12 Silk Waists. The most successful sale of silk waists yet inaugurated. More silk waists were sold here yesterday than were sold by any three stores in this city.

Every buyer of silk waists knows the superior stylishness of Becker & Co.'s creations. Their enormous surplus stock was put on sale here Friday morning and the selling of them has been tremendous. The waists are some of their finest productions. They are of a fine quality of taffeta silk; they are made up in the most fashionable manner—in dozens of styles—tucked, corded, and hemstitched—trimmed with silk braid and trimmed with taffeta silk of contrasting colors. Many of the new ribbon waists in different shades are in the lot. In every new shade, embracing Lavender, Violet, Cerise, Turquoise Blue, Royal Blue, White, Tan, Beige, Castor, Cardinal, Navy Blue, Light Blue, etc. Every garment has new sleeves and new high collar, and every one is thoroughly made and finished. Choice for - - - \$4.98

75c Wrappers, 39c. Exactly 500 dozen, even though as large as the lot may sound, Wrappers will be placed on sale here tomorrow morning at 39c. Wrappers of a fine quality of percale, in a large assortment of patterns, with generously full skirts, with tuck-pleated waist lining, which you cannot duplicate elsewhere for less than 75c each, and which at 39c are seven bargains. They are wonders at - - - 39c

50c and 75c Waists, 25c. If you are waiting for a bargain in Ladies' shirt Waists, you need wait no longer. Hundreds of Percale, Lawn, Batiste, and Organza Shirt Waists will be put on sale tomorrow morning at 25c each, which you'll find selling elsewhere at 50c and 75c. Some of them have tucked fronts, some have corded fronts, and others are trimmed with embroidery. Choice for - - - 25c

Mercedized Skirts. Mercedized Colored and Black Skirts, with accordion-pleated ruffles, for 97c inches deep. Instead of \$1.50, for - - - 97c

Child's Dresses, 25c. Children's White Lawn Dresses, with yokes of embroidery and trimmed with embroidery ruffles over shoulders; 25c have deep hem. Special prices - - - 25c

Shell Combs, 10c. The Empire Shell Combs, with plain and scalloped back—which sell at 10c - - - tomorrow at - - - 10c

Notion Sale. 3c Brush Binding—all colors—5c yd. 10c Genuine Whalebone Bones, 4c doz. 3c Hump Hooks and Eyes—2 doz. for 1c. 3c Whitebone Casing, silk stitched, 1c yd. 5c Turkish Wash Rags—large size—2c. 5c Toilet Paper—60 sheets—2c. Large size Household Ammonia, 1-7-3c bottle.

Embroidery Sale. Nainsook and Swiss Embroidery Edgings and Heavy Machine-made Torchon Lace and Insertings—such as sell at 48c at the yard—to go for - - - 48c

New Veilings. New Double Velvet Spot and Chenille Dot Black and White and Brown and Plain White Veilings—such as sell at 12c to go for - - - 12c

New Collar Tabs. Embroidered and Lace-edge Collar Tabs—instead of 18c—tomorrow at 10c - - - 10c

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Men's Shoes in Calf and Black and Tan Kid—complete in all sizes and all shapes of toe—regardless of - - - \$1.98

THE MIZPAH \$3 Shoe.

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and began to carry out the furniture. They worked hard and appeared unconcerned, though constantly under the scrutiny of the persons who were waiting for trains. Shields at once reported the robbery to the police. The thieves were last seen driving toward Port Chester.

The Rye station is one of the finest on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. It was erected and equipped when the late W. H. Starbuck, formerly President of the New England division of the railroad, took up his summer home in this place. It was considered the most luxuriously furnished station along the line. Any morning at least half a dozen millionaires and other wealthy men could be seen loitering in the costly chairs while waiting for a train to New York. They will henceforth have to forego these comforts, unless the robbers are captured or new furniture purchased.

RAILROAD STATION ROBBED. Thieves Steal a Truck Load of Furniture in Daylight. RYE, N. Y., March 10.—Two daring thieves entered the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad station here at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and in the absence of Agent Shields, loaded the fine armchairs, revolving chairs, fancy tables, mats, and costly pictures upon a wagon and drove away. Many persons in the station witnessed the robbery, but they thought the men were taking the things away for repairs. So far the police have been unable to run the thieves down. Shields had scarcely crossed the tracks to the northbound station when the thieves, who had been awaiting their chance, backed a wagon up to the platform and began to carry out the furniture. They worked hard and appeared unconcerned, though constantly under the scrutiny of the persons who were waiting for trains. Shields at once reported the robbery to the police. The thieves were last seen driving toward Port Chester.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF THE condition of the AETNA LIFE INSURANCE CO., of Hartford, State of Connecticut, on the 28th day of December, 1899, as required by act of Congress approved July 24, 1892.

ASSETS. Cash on hand and in banks, \$4,627,453.28. Bonds and mortgages, \$1,544,711.71. Real estate, \$2,302,939.76. Other securities, premiums, etc., \$1,102,822.81. Stocks and bonds (market value), \$1,824,237.24. Bills receivable and other claims, \$93,443.72. Premiums uncollected and in hand, \$45,361.82. Interest due and accrued on bonds, \$78,202.00. All other assets, \$2,576,411.93. Total assets, \$12,750,000.00.

LIABILITIES. Cash capital, \$3,750,000.00. Reserve fund, \$4,275,000.00. Unpaid premium reserve, special reserve, and other reserves, \$1,444,000.00. Reserve for unpaid bonds and claims, \$25,236.14. All other liabilities, \$265,762.86. Total liabilities, \$9,755,445.80. Dividends and expenses for 13 months ending December 31, 1899, \$153,243.93. Losses, matured endowments, and surrender values, \$1,824,237.24. Current expenses, including taxes, \$65,276.14. Total liabilities, \$12,750,000.00.

J. E. ENGLISH, Secretary. City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February, 1900. FRANK W. BOWELL, Mayor. MILES E. HEISSE, Manager, City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. W. H. PARSONS, District Agent, 130 E. 2d St., N. W. City of Washington, D. C.

DIED. FLOYD—On Saturday, March 10, 1900, HENRY FLOYD, husband of Pauline B. Floyd. Funeral services at his late residence, 824 Vermont street, northwest, at 9:30 o'clock, March 11.

HINES—On Saturday, March 10, 1900, at Windon, Va., Mr. E. W. HINES, in his seventy-eighth year, the late and beloved father of Mrs. J. E. Hines, of this city. Norfolk papers please copy. Funeral from First Baptist Church, Windsor, Va.

HARVEY—On Saturday morning, March 10, 1900, at 2:08 o'clock, at her residence, 1229 Q St., N. W., SELMA MOORE HARVEY, widow of Hon. James K. Harvey. Funeral from the Church of the Epiphany, Monday afternoon, March 12, 1900, at 2 o'clock.

CHESBRO—On Friday, March 9, 1900, at 11:30 P. M., in full triumph of her faith in God, S. M. CHESBRO, beloved wife of J. T. Chesbro and mother of Frederick A. Chesbro and Miss M. Campbell. Florence Ferguson and Miss Ida Campbell. Notice of funeral hereafter. 1c m.

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